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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to available for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were light to fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Light type hens were about sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for small to reflect price changes last week. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned and loose egg sales were reported as light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was usually light to moderate. Offerings were light to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
			RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92			
LARGE	85-94	87-90			
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72			
			LARGE	67-76	71
			MEDIUM	49-55	53
			SMALL	40-44	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to prices the previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hen demand was at least moderate for about adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-108	94-97
LARGE	88-102	93-97
MEDIUM	69-82	74-76

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were reported as moderate to at times fairly good. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was usually light to moderate. Offerings were light to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-102	95-98
LARGE	91.5-100	93-96
MEDIUM	71.5-80	73-76

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady beginning the week. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for a moderate demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-102	96-99
LARGE	93-100	94-97
MEDIUM	71.5-79	72-76

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on mediums and heaview weight eggs when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was instances light to mostly moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	81-85

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-101	94-96
LARGE	91-99	92-94
MEDIUM	73-81	74-76

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 6%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 91.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	139
EXTRA LARGE	138
LARGE	131
MEDIUM	111

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-319	JUMBO	
LARGE	229-349	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	189-339	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	159-309	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 30, 2007 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 23, 2007 were 326,939 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 0 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	283,740	43,199	326,939

% change from the

prior week.....	+3	-4	+2
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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were reported as light to fully adequate while demand remains usually light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	53-56	55-56
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	40-47	43-45
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-10 CENTS/LB.		6.94

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was moderate to at least moderate. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10 CENTS/LB.		7.08

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.99	1.96	1.78	1.20

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.56	1.56	1.40	.80

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAR 26, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		North Northeast Cent	South Cent	South Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.5	26.3	9.4	13.3	17.5	73.0
	Change	-0.8	-0.7	0.9	1.9	-2.2	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.2	49.4	16.0	27.1	41.1	162.8
	Change	0.5	-6.3	-3.9	-1.2	1.5	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	46.1	160.8	103.8	125.9	170.2	606.8
	Change	-0.5	-10.5	-7.7	-0.3	8.7	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	42.0	13.8	22.3	42.1	131.0
	Change	-0.5	-0.1	0.6	2.4	-6.4	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	8.9	2.3	2.9	7.6	25.3
	Change	-2.0	2.5	-0.1	-0.8	-0.5	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.2	24.4	9.7	11.6	6.9	54.8
	Change	-0.2	2.0	0.4	0.2	-0.5	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.2	56.1	22.4	21.5	25.1	144.3
	Change	-2.2	-7.8	3.6	-24.0	0.3	-17%
Total	Curr Wk	117.6	367.9	177.4	224.6	310.5	1198.0
Percent	Change	-5%	-5%	-3%	-9%	0%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1198.0	-4%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	216.8	-9%	33

Total Shell Egg	1414.8	-5%	190
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 157 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 23, 2007

CURRENT LOADS							10.00	FUTURE LOADS							7.00	TOTAL LOADS			17.00
SE			NE		MW			SC			NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	70.50	—	71.00	72.50	62.00	63.00	3.00	GL W LG	—	72.00	—	—	—	—	3.00				
GL W XL	—	—	81.50	79.75	69.00	—	4.00												
GL W LG	—	—	—	60.50	53.00	—	5.50												
GL W MD	—	—	60.00	62.00	—	—	1.50												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00												

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/19/07-03/23/07

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS		
75.25								86.75								162.00		
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	70.17	—	70.88	73.00	62.00	73.00	22.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00			
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	7.00	GL W J	68.00	—	70.50	—	—	79.00	6.00			
GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	73.50	—	—	—	74.50	4.00			
GL W XL	—	80.50	82.08	80.34	66.12	65.00	23.50	GL W LG	—	72.00	—	91.50	—	68.86	17.25			
GL W LG	—	85.00	53.00	71.64	58.95	82.67	31.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	63.50	—	65.92	12.00			
GL W MD	68.00	—	59.53	61.43	53.00	—	20.50	GL W SM	44.00	—	—	—	47.00	53.50	2.00			
GL W SM	—	51.50	51.00	52.00	44.50	50.25	3.00	GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	61.50	1.00			
GL BR J	—	—	111.00	112.00	—	—	1.00											
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	1.00											
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	56.33	6.00											
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	55.20	—	54.93	74.00											
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00											
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	1.00											

EIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.  
 THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.  
 NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/19/07	03/12/07	03/20/06
PACIFIC COAST	26	27	79
LOS ANGELES	18	18	73

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** MAR 26, 2007

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107.30
LARGE	105.30
MEDIUM	85.09
SMALL	77.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS** MARCH 26, 2007

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	229 - 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 158	130 - 134
Large doz. 2	224 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 149	125 - 128

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